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First Annual Report  
of the  
**UNITED FARMERS  
OF ONTARIO**

For the Year ending  
December 31st, 1914

**President** - - - - E. C. Drury, Barrie  
**1st Vice-President** - G. A. Brethen, Norwood  
**2nd Vice-President** - R. H. Halbert, Melancthon

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**Sec.-Treas.** - - - - J. J. Morrison

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# NOTICE

## THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING .

Of the United Farmers of Ontario and Affiliated Organizations will be held in Toronto on February 24, 25, 26, 1915, at Hotel Carls-Rite, commencing 10 a.m. February 24.

A Programme of the Convention will be sent to you within a few days.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT

To the members of the United Farmers of Ontario and others interested in this movement we submit this report, representing a portion of the first year of our existence as an Association.

Much has been accomplished, more than was contemplated even had conditions been normal, but under existing circumstances the development of the movement has been phenomenal, and appearances point to general organizational tendency among the agricultural people. Direction rather than urging seems to be the requirement of the situation.

Little organizational work can be done in summer time and as this report ends with 1914 the time for development was short and the season inopportune.

Nevertheless 14 Branch Organizations of the U.F.O. have been established; 15 Farmers' Clubs, 13 Granges, and 2 Associations have affiliated, making 44 organizations, representing over 2,000 members, to start the new year with.

Considerable educational work has been done, and the appearances point to a decided movement among the rural people toward co-operative methods.

Attendance at the Convention will give thorough insight into the movement and its progress.

E. C. DRURY,  
President.

J. J. MORRISON,  
Sec.-Treas.

# The United Farmers of Ontario

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As at December 31st, 1914

### Cash Account

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Receipts—Membership Fees..... | \$ 52.75 |
| Disbursements .....           | nil      |
|                               | <hr/>    |
| Balance on Hand.....          | 52.75    |

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### Assets

|                                                                                                                |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Cash on hand.....                                                                                              | 52.75  |
| Estimated amount of fees due from<br>Locals whose reports had not been re-<br>ceived on December 31, 1914..... | 436.00 |
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| Total.....                                                                                                     | 488.75 |

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### Liabilities

None

J. J. MORRISON,  
Sec.-Treasurer.

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We, the undersigned auditors have examined  
the Books of the United Farmers of Ontario and  
have found the above statement to be correct.

Signed { F. M. CHAPMAN  
A. J. REYNOLDS

Toronto,  
January 25, 1915.

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## **‘QUALITY FIRST, ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY, and EQUITY THROUGH CO-OPERATION’**

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Co-operation makes greatest strides when members are energetic, honest, and enthusiastic.

Whoever makes two ears of corn, or two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, deserves better of mankind, and does more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together—*Swift*.

But the solution of all problems is not to be found in “increased production.” Among the people who are clamouring loudest for more production are those who have been securing for themselves, through Special Privilege in some form, the lion’s share of the wealth created by others.

Prosperity consists of an adequate supply of the necessities of life equitably distributed.

Increased General Prosperity, which the vast majority of our people need and are in favor of can only be secured by removing obstacles and discouragements from directly productive enterprise, and substituting facilities; and by following the certain beneficial results of a policy of encouragement with an economical, efficient and equitable system of distribution.